



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, January 2, 2022 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“Struggling Well: Through No Confidence in Ourselves”

Philippians 3:1-7

1. Watch out for legalism, if we are to struggle well.
(Philippians 3:1-3)

2. Struggling well requires the counting of everything but Christ as a loss.
(Philippians 3:4-7)

Table Talk

- 1) Say something about New Year's resolutions. What New Year's resolution would Paul have for you? (v. 1) What would Paul think about New Year's resolutions that have to do with our own accomplishments?
- 2) What does it mean to "rejoice in the Lord"? Why is the phrase "in the Lord" so important? (v. 1) What are we to look out for? Why should we look out for people who are rules based in their orientation? (v. 2)
- 3) How is it helpful to know our position in Christ in order to fight against legalistic tendencies? (v. 3) In what ways can we better focus on "worshiping by the Spirit of God," "glorying in Christ Jesus," and "putting no confidence in the flesh"? (v. 3)
- 4) Why does Paul have reason, if anyone does, for confidence in the flesh? (vv. 4-6) List Paul's resume for boasting, if he were going to boast. Which of these sounds most impressive to you? Why?
- 5) How much stock does Paul place in his resume? What matters more to him? How does this forsaking of any gain he had for the sake of Christ help him to struggle well? (v. 7)
- 6) Think of your present struggles. Share one or two of them. How does forsaking everything as a loss for the sake of Christ help you to struggle well with these circumstances or people?